

Name of Project: Nevada System of Higher Education

Dean's Future Scholars

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Dean's Future Scholars GEAR UP Abstract 2012-2013

The University of Nevada, Reno Dean's Future Scholars (DFS) is a program specifically designed to increase the college-going rate of first-generation, college-going, diverse students. DFS staff works with Washoe County School District counselors to identify students who demonstrate the potential of being the first in their family to attend college.

Fifty incoming 7th graders have been identified to become GU/DFS students. GU/DFS students participate in mentoring/tutoring from college students, who often were DFS students themselves throughout the school year.

During the summer, GU/DFS students participate in an intensive summer program on the UNR campus. The purpose is to provide academic enrichment and recreational opportunities for the students. Through GEAR UP funds, a parent component will be added to the DFS program. A college student will maintain regular contact with GU/DFS parents to provide information and support. Parents will also participate in two workshops on financial literacy, financial aid, and academic requirements for postsecondary education. One workshop will be conducted at the school site; the other will be conducted with all parents on the UNR campus.